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59/259. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/5 of 8 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as its resolutions 55/211 of 20 December 2000 and 57/34 of 21 November 2002, on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social or humanitarian nature,

Recalling further the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling its Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security of 9 December 1994,[1]

Pointing out the fact that since its transformation into a regional economic organization with an international legal identity as from 1 May 1999, the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization has established itself as a reliable partner in boosting economic cooperation in the Black Sea region,

Recognizing that any dispute or conflict in the region impedes cooperation, and stressing the need to solve such a dispute or conflict on the basis of the norms and principles of international law,

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

[1] Resolution 49/57, annex.

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution 57/34,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the statement issued in Istanbul, Turkey, on 25 June 2004 by the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization on the contribution of the organization to security and stability, and encourages the ongoing process of considering ways and means of enhancing the contribution of the organization to security and stability in the region;

2. *Takes note* of the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement among the Governments of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in Particular in its Organized Forms, done in Kyiv on 15 March 2002, as well as the imminent signature of the Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism to the same Agreement;

3. *Welcomes* the activities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in various fields, such as trade and economic development, banking and finance, communications, energy, transport, agriculture and agro-industry, health care and pharmaceuticals, environmental protection, tourism, science and technology, exchange of statistical data and economic information, collaboration among Customs services, and combating organized crime and the illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons and radioactive material, all acts of terrorism and illegal migration, or in any other related area;

4. *Also welcomes* the adoption of the Baku Declaration on energy cooperation in the region of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization by the Ministers of Energy of the States members of the organization on 19 September 2003 and the Joint Declaration by the Ministers of Transport from countries of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea region on 3 October 2003;

5. *Further welcomes* the operationalization and financing of the first projects by the Project Development Fund of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to the benefit of the sustainable development of the Black Sea region;

6. *Takes note* of the positive contribution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, the Business Council, the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies to the strengthening of multifaceted regional cooperation in the Black Sea area;

7. *Welcomes* the Cooperation Agreement between the Economic Commission for Europe and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, signed on 2 July 2001, and the support given by the Commission to the activities of the organization in the fields provided for in the Agreement, notably in small and medium-sized enterprises, energy and transportation policy development;

8. *Also welcomes* the collaboration between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme based on the Cooperation Agreement signed in Istanbul on 20 February 2002;

[2] A/59/303, part three.

9. *Further welcomes* the cooperation between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as the financial support provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization in implementing the project on institutional strengthening to facilitate intraregional and interregional agricultural trade among States members of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and other projects on trade promotion;

10. *Takes note* of the cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the World Bank and the World Trade Organization and the working contacts with the World Tourism Organization, aimed at the sustainable development of the Black Sea region;

11. *Also takes note* of the importance attached by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to the strengthening of relations with the European Union, and supports the efforts of the organization to take concrete steps to advance this cooperation;

12. *Further takes note* of the cooperation established between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and other regional organizations and initiatives;

13. *Invites* the Secretary-General to strengthen dialogue with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization with a view to promoting cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats;

14. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in order to continue programmes with the organization and its associated institutions for the achievement of their objectives;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization".

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